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SUBJ: ESTIMATE OF 1974 NEWSPRINT SHIPMENTS FROM
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1. FINNISH PAPER AND PULP ASSOCIATION SOURCE HAS ESTIMATED A SHARP CUT-BACK IN FINNISH NEWSPRINT SHIPMENTS TO US MARKET FROM 360-365 THOUSAND TONS TO 250-280 THOUSAND TONS THIS YEAR. REASONS FOR THIS ESTIMATE ARE: SMALLER CONTRACTS RESULTING FROM UNREMUNERATIVE US PRICES DUE TO PRICE FREEZE, WEAKNESS OF DOLLAR AT TIME OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, AND SHARP RISE IN FREIGHT CHARGES. MOREOVER, FINNISH PRODUCERS ARE SHIFTING OUTPUT AWAY FROM NEWSPRINT TO PRINTING PAPER, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO RISE THIS YEAR. NEWSPRINT PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO DECLINE FROM ABOUT 1,450,000 TONS IN 1973 TO PERHAPS 1,300,000 TONS. IN FACE OF HIGHER PRICES OFFERED BY OTHER MARKETS, FINNISH EXPORTERS HAVE TENDED TO REDUCE SHIPMENT SHARE FOR US MARKET.

2. IT APPEARS QUITE CLEAR THAT UNLESS NEWSPRINT PRICES IN US RISES TO LEVELS COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER MARKETS, FINNISH EXPORTERS WILL BE RELUCTANT TO MEET EVEN CO*-
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